IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,

CRIMINAL NO. 97-091(JAF)

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KOURI-PEREZ, ET AL, Defendant.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS THE ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY ASSIGNED TO THE CASE

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

COMES NOW, the United States of America, by and through its undersigned attorneys and respectfully states and prays as follows:

1. That as of today, October 26, 2006, Nereida Melendez Rivera is not the Assistant United States Attorney responsible for the prosecution of the above referenced case.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Honorable Court take notice of the foregoing and grant the withdrawal of Assistant U.S. Attorney Nereida Melendez Rivera as the attorney responsible for the prosecution of the instant case.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

In San Juan, Puerto Rico this 26 day of October, 2006.

Rosa Emilia Rodriguez Velez United States Attorney

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this date, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to counsel(s) for each of the defendant(s).

At San Juan, Puerto Rico this 26 day of October, 2006.

ISI Nereida Meléndez-Rivera

Nereida Meléndez Rivera Assistant U. S. Attorney